

A black and white aerial photograph of the Sydney Opera House and the surrounding city skyline at night. The lights from the buildings and the water reflect off the dark sky and water.

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# AUSTRALIA AT A GLANCE

**AGRICULTURE**

1988-89 1989-90 1990-91

Gross value of agriculture	\$m	22,863	23,585	21,168
Crops	\$m	9,643	9,876	9,074
Livestock slaughtering etc	\$m	5,301	5,893	5,730
Livestock products	\$m	7,911	7,807	6,356
Wheat production	'000 t	13,935	14,214	15,066
Wool production	'000 t	769	842	843
Meat production (excl. poultry)	'000 t	2,343	2,622	2,735

**BALANCE OF PAYMENTS**

1989-90 1990-91 1991-92

Balance on current account	\$m	-21,581	-15,629	-11,861
Balance of merchandise trade (BOP basis)	\$m	-2,427	2,899	3,914
Net services	\$m	-4,435	-3,042	-2,275
Net income	\$m	-17,065	-17,972	-15,788
Net unrequited transfers	\$m	2,346	2,486	2,288
Balance on capital account	\$m	16,637	15,901	12,486
Total official	\$m	1,732	-1,304	7,163
Total non-official	\$m	14,905	17,205	5,323

**BUILDING**

1989-90 1990-91 1991-92

New houses completed	'000	118	98	100
New other residential building completed	'000	42	37	33
Value of new residential building completed	\$m	12,809	11,657	11,254
Value of non-residential building completed	\$m	14,184	14,913	12,096

Australia comprises a land area of 7,682,300 square kilometres. The land lies between latitudes 10°41'S. (Cape York) and 35°39'S. (South Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113°09'E (Steep Point) and 153°39'E (Cape Byron). The most southerly point on the mainland is South Point (Wilson's Promontory) 39°08'S.

Australia is composed of six States New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and two Territories Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory.

State/Territory	Area ('000 km <sup>2</sup> )	Population June 1991 ('000)
New South Wales	802	5,902
Victoria	228	4,416
Queensland	1,727	2,966
South Australia	984	1,447
Western Australia	2,526	1,637
Tasmania	68	467
Northern Territory	1,346	167
Australian Capital Territory	2	290
<b>Australia</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>17,292</b>

## FINANCE

Government finance	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Revenue (all governments)	\$m 124,712	133,911	138,159
Cwth income tax, persons	\$m 47,537	50,020	50,170
Other Cwth government taxes	\$m 36,381	41,165	43,152
State and local government taxes	\$m 22,273	24,357	25,958
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m 124,027	140,687	149,909
Final consumption expenditure	\$m 50,378	55,076	60,720
Personal benefit payments to residents	\$m 29,431	32,514	37,340
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m 18,458	21,673	21,841
Private finance	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
All bank deposits June balances(a)	\$m 183,430	194,741	202,957
Housing finance commitments to individuals (over the year)(b)			
Bank	\$m 14,873	16,001	23,472
Permanent building societies	\$m 1,949	2,961	3,920
Public unit trusts — total assets			
Listed	\$m 10,987	10,435	11,256
Unlisted	\$m 16,667	15,246	14,199
Cash management	\$m 4,679	5,755	5,344

(a) Source Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Includes alterations and additions.

FOREIGN TRADE	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Total exports, f.o.b	\$m 49,078	52,380	55,015
Total imports, (customs value)	\$m 51,333	48,912	51,000
Percentage of total exports to			
Japan	% 26.0	27.4	26.5
ASEAN	% 10.2	12.1	13.2
EC	% 13.9	12.1	12.5
Percentage of total imports from			
Japan	% 19.2	18.1	18.2
USA	% 24.1	23.4	23.0

## CLIMATE

	Average annual rainfall mm	Average daily hours of sunshine	Average temperature			
			January		July	
			Max. °C	Min. °C	Max. °C	Min. °C
Canberra	630	7.6	27.8	12.9	11.1	-0.2
Sydney	1,227	6.8	25.8	18.5	16.1	7.9
Melbourne	657	5.7	25.8	14.0	13.3	5.8
Brisbane	1,199	8.0	29.1	20.9	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	530	7.7	27.9	15.5	14.8	6.8
Perth	801	7.9	31.4	16.7	17.6	8.0
Hobart	628	5.9	21.5	11.7	11.5	4.4
Darwin	1,661	8.5	31.7	24.8	30.4	18.3

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

## CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES

1989-90 1990-91 1991-92

## Consumer price index

weighted average of 8

Capital cities, all groups	1989-90=100.0	100.0	105.3	107.3
Export	1989-90=100.0	100.0	95.0	p89.6
Import	1989-90=100.0	100.0	103.2	p102.7
Building materials—house	1985-86=100.0	135.8	142.1	p142.4
Building materials—other	1979-80=100.0	231.9	243.7	p245.2
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85=100.0	119.0	123.8	p120.7
Articles produced	1988-89=100.0	106.5	111.2	p111.6

## DEMOGRAPHY

1989 1990 1991

Population at 30 June	'000	16,803.1	17,044.7	17,292.0
Aged less than 15	%	22.2	22.0	22.0
Aged 15-64	%	66.9	67.0	66.8
Aged 65 and over	%	10.9	11.0	11.2

1989-90 1990-91 1991-92

Births	'000	250	258	261
Overseas born mothers	%	24.1	24.2	24.1
Australian born mothers	%	75.9	75.8	75.9
Deaths	'000	119	125	119
Marrages	'000	120	117	115
Divorces(a)	'000	41	43	46

(a) Calendar years 1989, 1990 and 1991

## Overseas movements

Net permanent and long-term movement	'000	137	104	95
Visitor arrivals, short-term	'000	2,220	2,147	2,227
Resident departures, short-term	'000	1,837	2,088	2,116

## EDUCATION

1989 1990 1991

School students				
Government	'000	2,194.4	2,193.3	2,217.2
Non-government	'000	837.0	848.3	857.9
Total	'000	3,031.4	3,041.7	3,075.1
Technical & further education students(a)	'000	1,505.4	1,489.3	1,554.1
Higher education students(b)	'000	441.1	485.1	534.5

(a) Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research Limited. (b) Source: Department of Employment, Education and Training.

## EXCHANGE RATES (average)

1989-90 1990-91 1991-92

United States dollar	units per \$A	0.7697	0.7853	0.7694
United Kingdom pound	units per \$A	0.4733	0.4240	0.4381
West German mark	units per \$A	1.367	1.248	1.274
Japanese yen	units per \$A	113.27	107.60	100.97

Major export commodities, f.o.b.				
Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	\$m	7,375	8,296	7,623
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m	5,933	6,461	6,945
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	3,683	4,613	4,991
Gold, non-monetary	\$m	2,872	3,672	4,023
Non-ferrous metals	\$m	3,882	3,758	3,627
Wool, not carded or combed	\$m	3,972	2,807	3,444
Meat of sheep, goats and bovine animals (fresh, chilled, frozen)	\$m	2,698	2,969	3,183
Wheat	\$m	2,455	1,696	1,510
Major import commodities (customs value)				
Machinery	\$m	15,589	14,072	14,684
Transport equipment	\$m	7,863	7,615	7,308
Chemicals and related products	\$m	5,235	5,118	5,574

## HEALTH

Beds at 30 June		1989	1990	1991
Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	65,013	63,574	64,592
Private hospitals	no.	22,067	21,909	22,312
Day hospital facilities	no.	—	331	507
All beds	no.	87,080	85,814	87,411
Beds per 1,000 population		5.2	5.0	5.0
Hospitals at 30 June				
Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	723	702	705
Private hospitals	no.	337	330	324
Day hospital facilities	no.	—	40	60
All hospitals	no.	1,060	1,072	1,089

Source: Department of Community Services and Health

Major causes of death		1989	1990	1991
Heart disease	no.	40,261	38,196	37,408
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	30,144	30,464	31,285
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)	no.	12,579	12,085	11,883
Respiratory disease	no.	10,611	9,001	8,906
Accidents	no.	5,621	5,204	4,797
Suicide	no.	2,096	2,151	2,360
Total deaths	no.	124,232	120,062	119,146

## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

Country	1991 Estimated population (mill.)	Surface area ('000 km <sup>2</sup> )	Pop density (pop. km <sup>-2</sup> )
Australia	17.09	7,713.4	2
Canada	26.74	9,976.1	3
France	56.33	551.5	102
Germany	77.54	357.0	217
Italy	57.05	301.3	189
Japan	123.94	377.8	328
New Zealand	3.42	271.0	13
United Kingdom	57.37	244.1	235
United States of America	251.09	9,372.6	27

Source: 1990 Demographic Year Book, United Nations and 1991 World Health Statistics Annual, WHO, Geneva

	1990-91		
	CPI All items (1985=100.0)	Un- employ- ment %	Long-term interest rates(a) % annum
Australia	149.5	9.4	11.15
Canada	128.3	10.4	10.23
France	118.2	9.4	9.59
Germany	108.5	4.3	8.40
Italy	136.1	10.0	11.06
Japan	108.8	2.1	7.12
New Zealand	159.2	10.2	9.74
United Kingdom	138.1	8.9	10.34
United States of America	124.5	6.8	8.54

(a) Government bonds

Source: OECD, Main Economic Indicators

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Net foreign liabilities at 30 June	\$m	164,268	184,769	198,989
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m	258,534	280,824	299,198
Australian investment abroad	\$m	94,266	96,055	100,209
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m	129,229	137,210	150,050
Foreign borrowing	\$m	159,601	172,950	185,797
Australian lending abroad and reserve assets	\$m	30,371	35,740	35,747
Ratio of net foreign liabilities at 30 June to GDP	%	44.4	48.8	51.7
Ratio of net foreign debt at 30 June to GDP	%	35.0	36.3	39.0

LABOUR FORCE		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Civilian labour force, annual average				
Males	'000	4,904.7	4,983.9	5,000.9
Females	'000	3,450.5	3,538.5	3,572.1
Unemployed persons, annual average	'000	515.0	713.6	888.9
Job vacancies, May	'000	50	25	24
Trade union membership, August	'000	n.a.	2,659.6	n.a.
Industrial disputes, work days lost, year ended 30 June	'000	1,182	1,574	1,169

MANUFACTURING		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Basic iron	'000 t	6,188	5,600	6,394
Cement	'000 t	7,075	6,110	5,709
Tobacco and cigarettes	'000 t	27	27	25
Beer	ML	1,939	1,915	1,862
Assembled motor vehicles	'000	413	329	284
Electricity	MkWh	151,907	153,822	156,413
Electric motors	'000	2,528	2,480	2,421
Yarn — cotton	t	20,603	23,781	25,069
Yarn — wool	t	19,758	18,809	18,551

MINING		1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Iron ore and concentrates	'000 t	97,437	(a)109,888	(a)111,415
Black coal, raw(a)	'000 t	184,047	196,854	204,681
Crude oil (incl. condensate)(a)	ML	28,255	31,993	31,955
Natural gas	GL	15,965	(a)20,264	(a)21,109

(a) Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)(I)	\$m	369,749	378,413	384,871
Gross farm product	\$m	13,877	11,085	10,075
GDP(A) at 1984-85 prices	\$m	259,204	257,141	258,095
Gross farm product at 1984-85 prices	\$m	8,852	9,456	8,545
Gross fixed capital exp — total	\$m	89,634	81,978	74,432
Gross fixed capital exp — private	\$m	68,338	61,387	53,789
Household income	\$m	294,218	304,944	313,648
Private consumption expenditure	\$m	216,487	228,778	240,006

RETAIL TURNOVER		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
(excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc)	\$m	86,659.7	89,094.9	93,698.5

**TOURIST ACCOMMODATION**

1989 1990 1991

<b>Hotels, motels, etc.</b>				
Establishments	no.	4,629	4,878	4,874
Rooms available at 31 December	no.	145,914	157,156	161,913
Room nights occupied	'000	27,581	28,488	29,058
Room occupancy rate	%	53.4	51.7	50.1
Takings from accommodation	\$m	2,065.0	2,258.1	2,332.2
<b>Caravan parks</b>				
Establishments	no.	2,634	2,687	2,698
Sites available	no.	280,658	285,555	287,191
Site nights occupied	'000	36,327	36,713	36,382
<b>Short-term caravan parks</b>				
Sites available at 31 December	no.	189,038	189,095	190,625
Site occupancy rate	%	27.8	27.8	27.2
Takings from accommodation	\$m	184.7	199.9	213.2
<b>Holiday flats, units and houses</b>				
Letting entities	no.	1,333	1,373	1,429
Units available at 31 December	no.	32,118	33,402	34,234
Unit nights occupied	'000	5,933	5,808	6,086
Unit occupancy rate	%	50.6	49.2	50.4
Takings from accommodation	\$m	297.1	312.8	345.8

**TRANSPORT**

1988-89 1989-90 1990-91

Motor vehicles on register, June(a)	'000	9,806	10,081	9,934
Cars and station wagons, June	'000	7,442	7,672	7,734
New motor vehicles registered(a)	'000	588	648	563
Civil aviation (passenger km)(b)				
Regular internal services	mill.	r13,733	r9,990	r14,505
Overseas services (Qantas)	mill.	26,517	27,055	26,774

(a) Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers (b) Source: Department of Transport — AVSTATS

**WAGES, EARNINGS AND HOURS**

1989 1990 1991

Award rates of pay index, full-time adult employees at 30 June 1985=100.0		122.8	130.6	134.0
Earnings & hours (incl. o/time) full-time non-managental adult employees, May				
Av. weekly total earnings	\$	509.50	537.90	560.50
Hours	no.	40.1	39.9	39.5

**SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED:**

n.a. - not available  
 p - preliminary data  
 r - revised data

SA - Australian dollars  
 Av - average  
 Cwth - Commonwealth  
 °C - degrees Celsius  
 excl. - excluding  
 GL - gigalitres  
 incl. - including  
 MkWh - mega kilo watt hours  
 ML - megalitres  
 mill. - million  
 mm - millimetres  
 \$m - million dollars  
 no. - number  
 % - percentage  
 km² - square kilometres  
 t - tonnes

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